

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

*100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611*



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2015

10:00 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Michael A. Alvarez, Chairman of Finance Frank Avila, Commissioner Timothy Bradford, Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore, Commissioner Kari K. Steele, Commissioner Patrick D. Thompson, President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.**
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.**

Call Meeting to Order

Acting President Barbara J. McGowan presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez; Frank Avila; Timothy Bradford; Barbara J. McGowan; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Mariyana T. Spyropoulos; Kari K. Steele; and Patrick D. Thompson

Election of Officers

[15-0061](#)

MOTION to nominate Mariyana T. Spyropoulos as President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Timothy Bradford, seconded by Kari K. Steele, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson

[15-0060](#)

MOTION to nominate Barbara J. McGowan as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Patrick D. Thompson, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson

[15-0059](#)

MOTION to nominate Frank Avila as Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

A motion was made by Michael A. Alvarez, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Patrick D. Thompson, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

Recess and Reconvene as Committee of the Whole

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Patrick D. Thompson, to recess and reconvene as a committee of the whole. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of Ayes - No Nays

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:38 a.m. President Mariyana T. Spyropoulos reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Finance Committee**Report**

- 1 [15-0020](#) Report on Cash Disbursements for the Month of November 2014, in the amount of \$38,457,048.31

Attachments: [November 2014 Cash Disbursements Summary](#)

Published and Filed

Procurement Committee**Report**

- 2 [15-0024](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 14-699-12, Environmental Hazard Cleanup and Emergency Response, estimated cost \$150,000.00.
- Published and Filed**
- 3 [15-0026](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, December 16, 2014
- Published and Filed**
- 4 [15-0032](#) Report on advertisement of Request for Proposal 15-RFP-07 Pre-Employment Background Checks and Related Services, estimated cost \$50,000.00, Account 101-25000-601170, Requisition 1391733
- Published and Filed**
- 5 [15-0033](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 14-601-21, Furnish and Deliver Personnel Carriers, estimated cost \$171,000.00.
- Published and Filed**
- 6 [15-0044](#) Report on rejection of bids for Contract 14-254-3F, Blue Island Green Infrastructure Project, estimated cost \$413,904.00.
- Published and Filed**
- 7 [15-0045](#) Report on rejection of proposals for 13-RFP-20, Procurement of Natural Gas Services, estimated cost \$5,400,000.00
- Published and Filed**

Authority to Advertise

- 8 [15-0035](#) Authority to advertise Contract 15-655-11, Manhole and Infrastructure Repairs, estimated cost \$600,000.00, Account 101-66000-612600, Requisition 1387968

Approved

- 9 [15-0036](#) Authority to advertise Contract 15-604-11, Furnishing and Delivering Plumbing Supplies, estimated cost \$197,700.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-623090, Requisitions 1386157, 1385820, 1384955, 1385014, 1386812 and 1386801.

Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 10 [15-0019](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Networkfleet, Inc., for Maintenance of the Vehicle Location System for District Vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$12,800.00, Account 101-15000-612860, Requisition 1391222

Approved

- 11 [15-0043](#) Issue purchase orders to P. D. Morrison Enterprises, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Miscellaneous Non-Stock Office Supplies to Various Locations under the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract Number PSD4017241, in an amount not to exceed \$91,200.00, Accounts 101, 501-11000, 15000, 16000, 20000, 25000, 27000, 30000, 40000, 50000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623520, Requisitions 1352387, 1352404, 1352438, 1352827, 1352840, 1352845, 1353092, 1353097, 1353120, 1353126, 1353131, 1353506 and 1353973

Approved

- 12 [15-0046](#) Issue purchase order and enter into an agreement with Foster & Foster Consulting Actuaries, Inc., for Actuarial Service for preparation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, Financial Statement Disclosure Information, in an amount not to exceed \$14,328.00, Account 101-40000-601170, Requisition 1391260

Approved

- 13 [15-0052](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 14-807-22 (Re-Bid) Furnish and Install One New Snow Plow for a Dump Truck at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$34,956.00, Account 201-50000-634860, Requisition 1379896

Approved

Award Contract

- 14 [15-0021](#) Authority to award Contract 14-618-12 (Re-Bid), Furnish and Deliver HVAC and Refrigeration Parts and Service, to Anchor Mechanical, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$322,720.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-612680, 623070, 623090, 623270, 623840 Requisitions 1345034, 1343325, 1343658, 1346193, 1345007, 1345641

Approved

- 15 [15-0023](#) Authority to award Contract 15-695-11, Services of Tractor Mounted Paddle Aerators with Operators, to Bechstein-Klatt, in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000.00, Account 101-66000-612520, Requisition 1379143

Approved

- 16 [15-0025](#) Authority to award Contract 14-987-11, Railroad Track Maintenance in the Stickney Service Area, to Track Service, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$420,277.00, Account 101-69000-612670, Requisition 1367581

Attachments: [08-AA.pdf](#)

Approved

- 17 [15-0047](#) Authority to award Contract 14-017-11, Furnish and Deliver Electrical Supplies and Wire to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, Group A, to Helsel-Jepperson Electrical, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$39,236.38, Account 101-20000-623070

Attachments: [Group A.pdf](#)

Approved

- 18 [15-0048](#) Authority to award Contract 15-348-11, Services to Remove Hazardous Materials from Various District Locations, on an As-Needed Basis, for a Three-Year Period, to The Luse Companies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$341,760.00, Account 101-25000-612780, Requisition 1379913

Attachments: [08-AA.pdf](#)

Approved

- 19 [15-0050](#) Authority to award Contract 15-617-11, Power Distribution Equipment Inspection and Repairs, to Magnetech Industrial Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$152,530.00, Accounts 101-67000, 68000, 69000-612650, 623070, 612240, Requisition 1376098

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 20 [14-1545](#) Authority to increase purchase order to the Institute of Gas Technology, to Furnish and Deliver Gas Analysis in an amount of \$204.00, from an amount of \$9,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$10,104.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Purchase Order 8007633

Approved

- 21 [15-0007](#) Authority to increase Contract 04-131-2D Rehabilitation of the A/B and C/D Service Tunnels - Phase One, Stickney WRP, to F.H. Paschen/S.N. Nielsen in an amount of \$98,682.88, from an amount of \$13,622,324.19, to an amount not to exceed \$13,721,007.07, Account 401-50000-645750, Purchase Order 5001396

Attachments: [CO 04-131-2D.pdf](#)

Approved

- 22 [15-0009](#) Authority to decrease Contract 13-753-11 Contract Farming at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, to Oros & Busch Application Technologies, Inc., in an amount of \$106,000.01 from an amount of \$280,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$173,999.99, Accounts 101-67000-612520, 612530, Purchase Order 5001410

Attachments: [13-753-11 122214.pdf](#)

Approved

- 23 [15-0014](#) Authority to decrease Contract 13-804-21 Furnish and Deliver Cathodic Protection System Parts to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Cathodic Protection Management, Inc., in an amount of \$16,200.00 from an amount of \$114,032.00 to an amount not to exceed \$97,832.00, Account 201-50000-634650, Purchase Order 3079432

Approved

- 24 [15-0016](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend the agreement with the law firm Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP for legal services related to disciplinary proceedings involving District employees and related litigation, in an amount of \$75,000.00, from an amount of \$295,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$370,000.00, Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order 3072886

Attachments: [Bd. Ltr. Change Order Hinshaw Jan 8 2015.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 7 - Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson

Abstain: 1 - Michael A. Alvarez

Absent: 1 - Cynthia M. Santos

- 25 [15-0034](#) Authority to increase purchase order to the Chicago Defender, to publish invitations to bid for contracts and publish legal notices for original entrance and promotional Civil Service examinations in a newspaper intended to target the African-American market, in an amount of \$2,700.00 from an amount of \$18,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$20,700.00, Account 101-20000-612360, Purchase Order 8007717

Attachments: [Attachment.pdf](#)

Approved

- 26 [15-0037](#) Authority to increase Contract 12-697-11, Service of Tractors with Rotavators and Sludge Pumps with Operators at LASMA and CALSMA, to Stewart Spreading, Inc., in an amount of \$9,000.00 from an amount of \$1,849,114.42 to an amount not to exceed \$1,858,114.42, Account 101-66000-612520, Purchase Order 5001321

Attachments: [12-697-11 122314.pdf](#)

Approved

- 27 [15-0038](#) Authority to increase Contract 14-613-11, Scavenger Services at Various Service Areas, Groups B and C, to Waste Management of Illinois, Inc., in an amount of \$66,400.00 from an amount of \$1,323,885.00 to an amount not to exceed \$1,390,285.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000-612520, Purchase Orders 5001441 and 5001442

Attachments: [14-613-11 122314.pdf](#)

Approved

- 28 [15-0051](#) Authority to increase purchase order with Bonner Group LLC, for Contract 13-RFP-30, for Temporary Personnel Services for the Finance Department, in an amount of \$21,000.00, from an amount of \$67,900.00, to an amount not to exceed \$88,900.00, Account 101-40000-612490, Purchase Order 3080029

Attachments: [Increase PO - Bonner Group - temp svcs CO Log.pdf](#)

Approved

Engineering Committee

Authorization

- 29 [15-0006](#) Authority to make payment of \$4,667,000.00 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the non-federal sponsor's share of the costs associated with the Chicagoland Underflow Plan McCook Reservoir, Project 73-161-2H, Account 401-50000-645630

Approved

- 30 [15-0028](#) Authority to negotiate and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to modify the North Branch Dam (As Revised)
Approved

Monitoring & Research Committee

Authorization

- 31 [14-1544](#) Authorization for payment to the Water Environment Research Foundation for the 2015 Annual Research Commitment, in an amount not to exceed \$134,700.00, Account 101-15000-612280
Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 32 [15-0002](#) Authority to enter into a 39-year lease with the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Department of Transportation on approximately 0.343 acres of District real estate along the east and west banks of the North Branch of Chicago River, north and south of Addison Street along with the right-of-way necessary for the construction, maintenance and operation of a suspended aerial bridge spanning the River from Clark Park to California Park known as the Addison Street Underbridge Path Consideration shall be \$10.00

Attachments: [Maps.CPD and CDOT 1.8.15.pdf](#)

Approved

- 33 [15-0003](#) Authority to grant a 20-year, non-exclusive easement to I-55, L.L.C. for use and maintenance of Canal Bank Road along the south bank of the Main Channel beginning at Harlem Avenue and continuing easterly for a distance of approximately 5,400 feet in Forest View, Illinois, to access its private property located adjacent to Main Channel Parcels 37.05 and 37.07 for an initial annual fee of \$15,000.00

Attachments: [Map.I-55, LLC 1.8.15.pdf](#)

Approved

Stormwater Management Committee

Authorization

- 34 [15-0030](#) Authority to amend an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chicago Public Schools to install Green Infrastructure at Leland Elementary School, Schmid Elementary School, Morrill Math and Science Elementary School, and Grissom Elementary School, with payment to Chicago Public Schools not to exceed \$2,000,000.00

Deferred by Barbara J. McGowan

Miscellaneous and New Business

Motion

- 35 [15-0027](#) Motion to suspend Article III, Section 3.2 (A) of the Rules of the Board of Commissioners of the MWRDGC and move the appointment of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each standing Committee to the next Regular Board Meeting

A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson

Ordinance - Right of Way

- 36 [R15-001](#) Adopt Ordinance No. R15-001 Establishing the Right-of-Way for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of a Containment Boom on Addison Creek south of 21st Street in Broadview, Illinois in part of Section 22, Township 39 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois

Attachments: [Ordinance R15-001 Jan 8 2015.pdf](#)
[Bd Ltr Ordinance R15-001.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Timothy Bradford, that this Right of Way Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson

- 37 [R15-002](#) Adopt Ordinance No. R15-002 Establishing the Right-of-Way for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the Farmers and Prairie Creek Flood Control Project in Park Ridge, Des Plaines, Niles and Maine Township (Contract 12-056-3F) in part of Sections 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21, & 22 Township 41 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois

Attachments: [1-8-15 Ordinance with attachment exhibits.pdf](#)
[1-8-15 attachment brd ltr-Ordinance R15-002.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Patrick D. Thompson, that this Right of Way Ordinance be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson

Additional Agenda Items

- 38 [15-0005](#) Authority to increase purchase order with Workforce Software, LLC for Contract 12-RFP-04, for Human Resources Information System Including Payroll and Time Management, for Solution 1, Time and Attendance, in an amount of \$9,082.76 from an amount of \$794,875.00, to an amount not to exceed \$803,957.76, Accounts 101-27000-612820, 201-50000-601170, and 201-50000-623810, Purchase Order 3079544

Attachments: [□Authority to increase - Workforce CO Log.pdf](#)

Approved

- 39 [15-0053](#) Issue purchase orders to Graybar Electric Company, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver Electrical Catalog Products, under the U.S. Communities Cooperative Purchasing Contract #MA-IS-1340234, in an amount not to exceed \$83,000.00, Accounts 101-15000, 27000, 66000, 67000, 68000, 69000-623070, 623850, Requisitions 1358192, 1358200, 1358215, 1357938, 1357939 and 1357922

Approved

- 40 [15-0055](#) Report on the investment interest income during October 2014

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2014-10 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 41 [15-0056](#) Report on the investment interest income during November 2014

Attachments: [Inv Int Inc 2014-11 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 42 [15-0057](#) Report on investments purchased during October 2014

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2014-10 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

- 43 [15-0058](#) Report on investments purchased during November 2014

Attachments: [Inv Purch 2014-11 att.pdf](#)

Published and Filed

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 24, 34, 35, 36, and 37

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Debra Shore, to
Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

Aye: 8 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra
Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson

Absent: 1 - Cynthia M. Santos

Meeting Summary

Speakers

*George Blakemore, concerned citizen, voiced concerns on this item (Re: Procurement
Item #24)*

*Katrina Phillips, Sierra Club; John Quail, Friends of the Chicago River; and Robert
Herschfeld, Prairie Rivers Network, voiced their praise for this project (Re: Engineering
Item #30)*

*Karen Roothaan, Green Party, inquired about participation information (Re: Stormwater
Management Item #34)*

Summary of Requests

David St. Pierre

*1. Mariyana T. Spyropoulos requested the numbers for each line item (Re: Procurement
Item #11)*

*2. Barbara J. McGowan requested more information on this project. Patrick D.
Thompson requested the participation information be listed on the District's web site
(Re: Stormwater Management Item #34)*

Study Session

None

Announcements

None

Board Letter Submission Dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2015, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.

Date agenda items are due to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management for signature and preparation: January 9, 2015

Date all agenda items are due to the Executive Director: 1:00 p.m., January 14, 2015

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patrick D. Thompson, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that when the Board Adjourns, it adjourns to meet again on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and also move that today's meeting be Adjourned. The motion carried by the following roll call vote: /s/ Jacqueline Torres, Clerk

Aye: 8 - Michael A. Alvarez, Frank Avila, Timothy Bradford, Barbara J. McGowan, Debra Shore, Mariyana T. Spyropoulos, Kari K. Steele, Patrick D. Thompson

Absent: 1 - Cynthia M. Santos

APPROVAL:

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this January 8, 2015, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Mariyana T. Spyropoulos
President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

January 8, 2015